PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE

19 October 1957

2. LOCATION

Mildenhall, England

3. DATE-TIME GROUP

Local _____

GMT 19/1740Z

4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION

☐ Ground-Visual ☒ Ground-Radar (Radar)

Binoculars

☐ Air-Visual ☐ Air-Intercept Radar

5. PHOTOS

☐ Yes

☒ No

6. SOURCE

(Visual)

Military

7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION

29 minutes

8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS

one

9. COURSE

westward

10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING

Circular disc shaped object, size of dime at arm's length, color varying from yellow to orange, both colors intense and distinct. Visual contact with one, radar with two. No trail or exhaust. No sound.

11. COMMENTS

Venus in position of object sighted. Venus very bright at this time. Venus (no radar targets in azimuth of visual sighting).

RADAR TARGETS NOT SAME AS VISUAL. WERE PROBABLY ATC.

12. CONCLUSIONS

- ☐ Was Balloon
- ☐ Probably Balloon
- ☐ Possibly Balloon
- ☒ Was Aircraft
- ☐ Probably Aircraft
- ☐ Possibly Aircraft
- ☒ Was Astronomical
- ☐ Probably Astronomical
- ☐ Possibly Astronomical
- ☐ Other _____
- ☐ Insufficient Data for Evaluation
- ☐ Unknown

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REFERENCES (BAIR Subject, previous reports, etc., as applicable)

None

SUBJECT (Descriptive title. Use individual reports for separate subjects)

UFOB Sighting

SUMMARY (Give summary which highlights the salient factors of narrative report. Begin narrative text on AF Form 112a unless report can be fully stated on AF Form 112. List inclosures, including number of copies)

1. Description of the object.

a. Shape - Circular disc.
b. Size of dime held at armes length.
c. Color variable from yellow to orange, both colors intense and distinct.
d. Visual sighting of one; radar contact with two.
e. No particular formation noted.
f. No details of the object were observed.
g. No trail or exhaust observed
h. No sound observed beyond VHF and UHF radio interference for approximately 30 seconds.

2. Description of course of objects:

a. Attention was first noted by tower operators actual sighting.
b. Angle of elevation 5° azimuth 230° at 1740Z. Practically on the ground
c. Angle of elevation 3°, azimuth 250° at 1809Z.
d. Object moved very slowly westward with no abrupt maneuvers.
e. Object disappeared from visual sighting beneath a cloud layer.
f. Total visual sighting time 29 minutes.

3. Manner of observation.

Note:

a. Ground visual and ground radar
Radar - CPN-4 GCA Unit.

2 INCLS
1. Statement Control Tower
2. Statement GCA

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b. Optical aids used were prism type binoculars, 7 X 50 power.

4. Time and date of sighting.

a. Time 19 October 1957 1740Z.
b. Light conditions - Dusk

5. Location of observers: 52° 22' N-00-29'E.

6. Identifying information of observers:

a. Military:

NAME	GRADE	ORGANIZATION	DUTY	RELIABILITY
Pringle, Harold R	A/2C	1979-2 AACS Det.	Twr Operator	Good
Warsewich, Allen B	A/2C	1979-2 AACS Det.	Twr Operator	Good
Conn, William H	A/2C	1979-2 AACS Det.	GCA Operator	Good

7. Weather and winds aloft at time of sighting.

a. Weather: 40000 Scattered, visibility 6 miles in haze, surface winds 2400 at 3 knots, altimiter 29.79.

NOTE: HAZE

b. Winds aloft: 100 millibar level - 250/30 WINDS GENERALLY
300 millibar level - 220/72 FROM SW
500 millibar level - 250/33
700 millibar level - 260/24

8. No other unusual circumstances which might account for the sighting were reported. Extensive surveys were made to eliminate possibilities of weather ballons, aircraft, flares, etc. as being source of sighting. None of the above could be counted as having been in the area.

9. No interception action was taken.

10. One RAF Meteor type aircraft was under GCA control during the last portion of the sighting. Pilot reported negative visual contact.

11. Preparing officer: 1st Lt DAVID A ZILLMER, 1979-2 AACS Det., GCA Officer. Comments: Sighting reports appear to be conclusive. After investigating possible confusion with some known object the sighting was considered to definitely involve an unidentified object.

12. Negative physical evidence or photographs were obtained.

David A Zillmer
DAVID A ZILLMER
1st Lt USAF
GCA Officer

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DETACHMENT 2, 1979TH AACS SQUADRON (MATS)
United States Air Force
APO 127, New York, N.Y.

1979-20

31 October 1957

SUBJECT: Report of UFOB Sighting

TO: Director of Intelligence
Headquarters USAF
Washington 25, D. C.

1. In accordance with the criteria outlined in AFR 200-2 the following report on UFOB sighted is submitted for your review. In addition to the completed format as outlined in AFR 200-2, two inclosures are included of persons who visually saw the object or observed movement with radar contact.

JOHN C SZOT
CAPT USAF
Commander

4 Incl:
1. AF Form 112
2. AF Form 112 Part II
3. Statement Control Tower
4. Statement GCA

S T A T E M E N T

21 October 1957

At 1740 on the 19th of Oct. an unidentified object was sighted by A/2C Pringle and A/2C Warsewich. The above named airmen were on duty in the control tower at the time. The object was at an unknown altitude and distance from the station. When first sighted the object appeared to be approximately 5 degrees above the horizon. When last observed it had dropped to approximately 3 degrees above the horizon. When first sighted the object was south west of Mildenhall R.A.F. Station. The object appeared to be stationary. At 1809 when the object was obscured from the twrs vision it had moved to the west approximately 15-18 degrees. At 1755 the weather observer working in the tower was notified. Thw wx observer said he could not identify the object, but it definitly was not a star or other celestial body. At 1803 Lakenheath RAPCON was advised of the U.F.O. and said they had no aircraft in the area. At 1804 Waterbeach A.T.C. was advised, they also said they had no aircraft in the area. The U.F.O. was obscured from the twr's vision at 1809 by clouds.

During the sightings of the object it appeared to be circular and a light yellow in color at first, then changing to a definite orange before being obscured by clouds.

At 1928 Lakenheath RAPCON advised MI twr. they could see an object to the SW of MI. RAPCON said the object was changing colors from yellow to orange and was stationary. Lakenheath checked on ballons in the area plus aircraft and reported neither in the area. MI WX received a winds aloft report from Himsly and Crawly, both stations had the winds from the west at all altitudes. At 1930 Lakenheath advised MI they had 3 targets on their radar. Two of the targets were NW of MI approx. 11 miles. Altitude unknown. The two targets were also stationary. The 3rd target was N moving slowly toward the station. Also the targets NW were visible from Lakenheath. MI GCA was advised and also pickedup the targets which coordinated with Lakenheath. At 2135 the twr advised Flight Service of the U.F.O.

At 2040 Schulthorp WX station picked up the unidentified targets on their radar. The positions coincided with those Lakenheath Control and Mildenhall GCA had reported. Schulthorpe WX station tracked one of the targets from NW of MI to 9 miles SW of MI, then it started to go west. At 2240 Schulthorpe had a stationary target 8 miles W of MI at this time they reported turning of their radar.

THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE:

Harold R Pringle
HAROLD R PRINGLE, AF19554310
A/2C, 1979-2 AACS DETACHMENT
Control Tower Operator

Allen B Warsewich
ALLEN B WARSEWICH, AF13552787
A/2C, 1979-2 AACS DETACHMENT
Watch Supervisor

S T A T E M E N T

21 October 1957

Time First Observed: 1715 Local

Where Obersved From: West end of GCA shack

Position: West of field, hovering

Appearance: Circular beige colored light. Changed shades, but stayed same collor. Dismissed same as star.

Tower notified GCA at 1930 of object tracked visually from west to northwest. Tower described object as similar to one sighted at 1715 by GCA. Glanced out west door of shack and noted object first sighted was gone. Tower advised Lakenheath Control had sighted object visually, then on radar. Coordinated with Lakenheath and looked in position they indicated. Two targets appeared on scope approximately 11-13 miles WNW of Mildenhall.

Appearance on scope: Unlike other targets. More circular than rectangular. About 3/16 in. diameter. Fuzzy around outside. Unable to cut out fuzziness with gain control. Time: 1934: Objects appeared to hover. Maintained radar contact for approximately 4-5 min. then targets began to fade. (Targets definitely not clouds). Tower reported unusual disturbance of radio receivers at this time. Lakenheath had some disturbance. Search antenna tilt at 3°, unable to sight object visually because of low visibility in NW quadrant. A meteor began to make low approaches to MI at approximately 2031. Unidentified objects had faded from scope at this time. Pilot did not report any unusual objects on low approach to R/W 29. Did not request him to check.

Sculthorpe weather radar reported 2 objects at 2141 local, SW of MI. Positions were checked and 2 targets were at same position on our surveillance scope approximately 8 miles SW. Targets faded on our search scope, but Sculthorpe tracked them until 2236, then reported they discontinued tracking. Objects approximately 8-9 mi. SW of MI at this time moving W. Then the meteor returned for another low approach. Noted normal radar target, bearing approximately 295° from MI, inbound. Presumed it was meteor, however meteor reported over head. Target closed to 3 miles from MI, then appeared to stop, and faded out. The meteor's position, was approximately 1½ mi. SE of MI heading 120°. Pilot was not requested to investigate. No more targets reported after these.

THIS STATEMENT IS TRUE AND CORRECT TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE:

William H. Coun

WILLIAM H COUN, AF16503869
A/2C, 1979-2 AACS DETACHMENT
GCA Operator

	ELEVATION	AZIMUTH	TIME
(A)	1ST Obs. (Apparent) 5° Venus at that Time 8°+	(Appx) 230° → 234°	1740Z
(B)	LAST Obs (Appx) 3° Venus at that time Just above horizon	(appx) 250° → 256°	1809Z

Ashe Checks: A.H.O. Explanation
& Navy Almanac
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1. Definitely Venus.
2. Venus exceptionally bright.
3. Has resulted in many UFO reports.